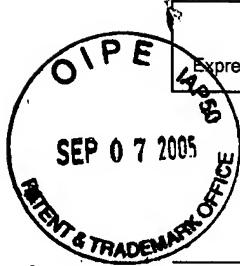


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In the Election of Species Requirement mailed August 11, 2005, the Examiner requests that Applicant select one of the following species for prosecution on the merits:

Group I - Fig. 1 (Claims 1-8) illustrating an IC chip comprising a first conductor formed on a substrate, a second conductor formed on a substrate, and a protective structure that detects the rise in the current flow;

Group II - Fig. 2 (Claims 9-15) illustrating an IC chip comprising a first date line, a second date line arranged in the vicinity of the first date line and transmitting test data used to determine whether the information data transmitted on the first date line is corrupted; and

Group III - Fig. 3 (Claims 16-23) illustrating an IC chip comprising a dielectric covering the one or more metallization planes and having a relative permittivity that changes to an extent that

is relevant in terms of circuitry under an influence of external electromagnetic or radioactive irradiation.

The Examiner believes that no claim is generic.

Applicant elects Group I (Claims 1-8) without traverse.

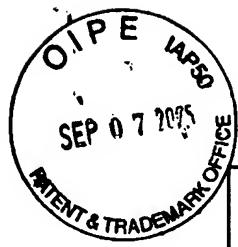
An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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